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For: GENE PARTICIPATING IN ACETIC ACID TOLERANCE, ACETIC ACID
BACTERIA BRED USING THE GENE, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
VINEGAR WITH THE USE OF ACETIC ACID BACTERIA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the non-Final Official Action dated December 5, 2006, the applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.